

REMARKS

In addition to the Response of the above-identified Final Office Action, the Applicant seeks reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks and amendments. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 16, 19, 23-26, and 28 were amended, claims 22 and 27 were canceled, and claims 29-31 were added in the Response to Final Office Action filed February 8, 2007. The amendments included herein supersede the amendments of the prior Response to Final Office Action. Further, all arguments in the prior Response to Final Office Action are to be incorporated herein for consideration. Thus, claims 1-6, 8-10, 16-21, 23-26, and 28-31 are pending in the instant application.

I. Interview Summary

On March 12, 2007, the Applicant's attorney conducted an interview with the Examiner to discuss a proposed amendment of claims 9, 25, and 28. During the interview, the Examiner agreed to replacing the term "if" with the phrase "in response to" in these claims to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of these claims. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended claims 9, 25, and 28 to reflect the agreement.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 9, 25, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In the Advisory Action mailed February 21, 2007, the Examiner suggested that the term "if" recited in claims 9, 25, and 28 be replaced with "when" to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of these claims. Instead, these claims have been amended to replace the term "if" with the phrase "in response to" to reflect the amendments that were agreed upon during the Examiner's interview on March 12, 2007. The Applicant believes that these claims now comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 9, 25, and 28.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely claims 1-6, 8-10, 16-21, 23-26, and 28-31, are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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